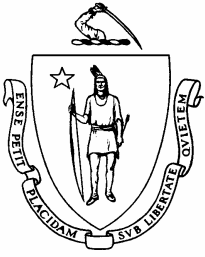


524 CMR 17.07 -- Hoistway Doors: General

(6) No keys or devices shall be permitted which will unlock any landing door when the car is not within the landing zone.

EXCEPTION: If all the door panels and interlocks are replaced on an existing elevator, hoistway door unlocking devices for use only by Massachusetts licensed elevator mechanics and trained firefighters are required.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, and pursuant to G.L. c. 143, §§68 & 69, the Board of Elevator Regulations will hold a public hearing for the purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning the following regulation:

524 CMR 17.07(6) Board of Elevator Regulations, Power Passenger and Freight Elevators (For Installations Made Prior to July 1, 1989)

An amendment is to be made to 524 CMR 17.07(6). The amendment will authorize the use of door opening devices by trained firefighters. Hoistway doors can be unlocked with a specific device, presently only available for use by licensed elevator mechanics. Extending the authorization for use of hoistway door unlocking devices to trained firefighters will increase the effectiveness of response to elevator emergencies.

Scheduled Hearing Date:

Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 1:30 P.M.

Location:

Department of Public Safety
13th Floor, McCormack Building
One Ashburton Place
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Copies of the proposed regulation may be obtained from the Department of Public Safety's website at www.mass.gov/dps or from the Department of Public Safety, One Ashburton Place, Room 1301, Boston, MA 02108. Anyone who desires to be heard on the matter should appear at the designated time and place.